

Minutes

Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

Board Meeting

Thursday Nov 20, 2014 @ 12:30 PM at 52 Broad Street, Cumberland, RI

Board Members Present

D. McKee, J. Almond, J. Diossa, J. Giraldo, J. Morton, J. Waters, M. Magee

Board Members Absent

J. Casimiro

Guests Present

Bill Murray, D. Lauck, D. Waugh, Drew Madden, J. Chiappetta, Jessica Bunnell, Joe Quattrocchi, Michael DeMatteo, Patrick Martin, S. Cuello

I. Opening Items

Call the Meeting to Order

D. McKee called a meeting of the board of trustees of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Thursday Nov 20, 2014 @ 12:30 PM at 52 Broad Street, Cumberland, RI .

Approve Minutes

J. Diossa made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 09-29-14.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: McKee, Almond, Diossa, Giraldo, Morton, Magee, Waters NAY: None.

II. Board Comments & Discussion

Board Chair Remarks

McKee wanted to applaud and thank everyone for all of their good and hard work and remind everyone how we have to stay on task, motivated and not let our guard down.

Board Remarks

Diossa stated it seemed to be easier to get more people together in the middle of the day than in the evenings

Magee agreed that it seemed to be easier to meet during lunch or really late in the evenings. Almond recommended we should switch back and forth on times to be fair to everyone.

III. Consent Agenda

Executive Director Report

Jeremy Chiappetta spoke about how he is preparing teachers and scholars for the PARC test in advance. The board asked to be informed and updated on this. Jeremy also announced to the board that Drew Maddens' title has changed from coordinator level to an associate director and we also have an unexpected vacancy in our special ed department Susan Moore will be leaving us. A couple of options are being reviewed from hiring a new person to starting a contract with the Central Falls School Department.

Finance Director Report

J. Morton made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: McKee, Almond, Diossa, Giraldo, Morton, Magee, Waters NAY: None.

David Lauck stated finances are where we would be expected to be we are keeping a close eye on everything. He

also stated we can look in to any line item more closely if you like and answer any questions. David reminded everyone that they would be discussing the audit in the next item.

IV. New Business

F2014 Audit (Financial and 401(k))

The auditors gave the board a snapshot of the audit giving their opinion of the financial audit as well as a look the A133 compliance federal funds which were both clean audits. There were no findings in the last three years what this means is that next year you will be considered in the low risk category and we will only have to test only 25% of your federal programs.

J. Diossa made a motion to approve the audit.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: McKee, Almond, Diossa, Giraldo, Morton, Magee, Waters NAY: None.

Board Officers, Membership and Expansion

Jeremy Chiappetta asked the board in regards to next steps in regards to officers or a plan for December. The board stated that recommendations, next steps will be decided and discussed next month.

School Lunch Policy

Jeremy Chiappetta explained to the board how they a number of families who have past due balances that keeps accumulating for the school lunch program. It is over ten thousand dollars as of right now I do not want to deny children food but I do want to know which path you would like to take we have a couple of options. Plan is to negotiate with sodexo to wipe out balances and then let's reduce cost to the school and continue to explore different ways to help parents. After wiping out balances if balances become past due students will get brown bag lunches. We will bring a revised policy in December that reflects this plan.

Banking Services

David Lauck presented the proposals (RFP) for banking services and gave his recommendation to the board. The decision of the board was that they went with was to stay with Bank of RI, Bristol County Savings and Washington Trust.

V. Public Comment

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No Public Comment.

VI. Closing Items

Adjourn Meeting

J. Diossa made a motion to adjourn meeting.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: McKee, Almond, Diossa, Giraldo, Morton, Magee, Waters NAY: None.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 01:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Cuello